

Kingston House, Bradford.

Every student of Wiltshire Archæology is supposed to be acquainted with the "Halle of John Halle," on the New Canal in the city of Salisbury. Such is the name which the late Rev. Edward Duke in his book called "*Prolusiones Historiæ*," (published in 1837), has conferred upon a fine old room now restored and used as a china-shop, but formerly the refectory of a wealthy citizen and woolstapler of the reign of Edward IV. It is less generally known that North Wilts is also able to boast of another Hall, we believe we may add of a second John Hall. For if houses (amongst other things) were always called by their right names, this in all probability should be the proper title of the beautiful old mansion at Bradford, of which a view is given in the plate annexed: although for reasons which will appear, it is more commonly known as "The Duke's" or "Kingston House."

Of the time at which it was built, the style of architecture employed scarcely leaves a doubt. It partakes of the character of Longleat; but still more strikingly resembles a portion of Kirby, the seat of Lord Winchilsea, in Northamptonshire. The date of Longleat House is well known. It was built between the years 1567 and 1579, and according to a received tradition, by John of Padua, the "Devizor of public Buildings" patronized by Henry VIII., Edward VI., and the Protector Somerset: an architect, who is supposed by some to have been John Thorpe, an Englishman, under the disguise of an Italian name. Kirby House was built between the years 1572 and 1638. There is therefore little difficulty in assigning Kingston House to the commencement of the 17th century. There was at an earlier period and no doubt upon the same site, a house belonging to the Halls of Bradford, which Leland saw when he travelled that way in 1540. He says¹ "*Halle alias De la Sale*

¹ See above, pages 148 and 192.

dwelleth in a pretty stone house at the east end of the town on the right bank of Avon: a man of £100 lands by the year: an ancient gentleman since the time of Edward I." The peculiar notice of a "pretty stone house" exactly in the same situation, would almost for a moment suggest the question, could the present house by any probability be the one that Leland saw? But this is not at all likely, as 1540 is certainly too early for the style of Kingston House.

If Aubrey is to be trusted (which as he sometimes wrote from memory is not always the case) the house, as it now appears, is only the central portion of the original building. For according to his description of it in 1670 it had, when complete, two wings. In his chapter upon "Echos"¹ he says: "After the Echos I would have the draught of the house of John Hall of Bradford, Esq., which is *the best built house for the quality of a gentleman in Wilts.* It was of the best architecture that was commonly used in King James the First's reigne. It is built all of freestone, full of windowes, *hath two wings*: the top of the house adorned with railes and baristers. There are two if not three elevations or ascents to it: the uppermost is adorned with terrasses, on which are railes and baristers of freestone. It faceth the river Avon, which lies south of it, about two furlongs distant:² on the north side is a high hill. Now, a priori, I doe conclude, that if one were on the south side of the river opposite to this elegant house, there must of necessity be a good echo returned from the house; and probably if one stand east or west from the house at a due distance, the wings will afford a double echo."

Whether wings would have been any improvement to the house is a question of taste: but whether there really ever were any is a matter of considerable doubt. Aubrey's description is evidently from recollection; for if it had been made on the spot he could not have expressed himself, as he does, with uncertainty as to the number of terraces. Neither does the echo experiment appear to

¹ Natural History of Wilts, p. 19.

² The actual distance is about 200 yards.

have been one that he had actually tried, but merely one that *probably* would have produced a particular effect, if tried. A recent examination of the masonry and general structure leads us to the conclusion that Aubrey must have been mistaken. There is not the slightest appearance against the sides of the house of its ever having had any appendages of the kind. The façade on the western side (as seen in the print) is perfectly regular, is built of ashlar, and has a large doorway in the centre. On the eastern side indeed the masonry is rough and the elevation irregular; but still there is no trace of any projection. The mistake may perhaps be accounted for in this way. There was formerly a range of offices and stables behind and longer than the house. This seen from a distance may have presented the appearance of wings.

“The principal front to the south was divided into two stories with attics in the gables, and was occupied by large windows with stone mullions. These were formed by three projections, the central one coming forward square, and the two side ones with semicircular bows. In the centre was a large sculptured doorway to a porch, and the summit of the window bays was adorned with open parapets.”¹

The “Duke’s House” is noticed in a work called “Observations on the Architecture of England, during the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and King James I.,” by Mr. C. J. Richardson, who has introduced four illustrations of it. 1. The external view. 2. A fireplace and stone mantelpiece in the entrance hall. 3. A mantelpiece of oak on the upstairs floor; and 4. A ceiling. The same plates, with two others of details, appear also in a volume of “Illustrations of Claverton and the Duke’s House,” published by George Vivian, Esq., of the former place.

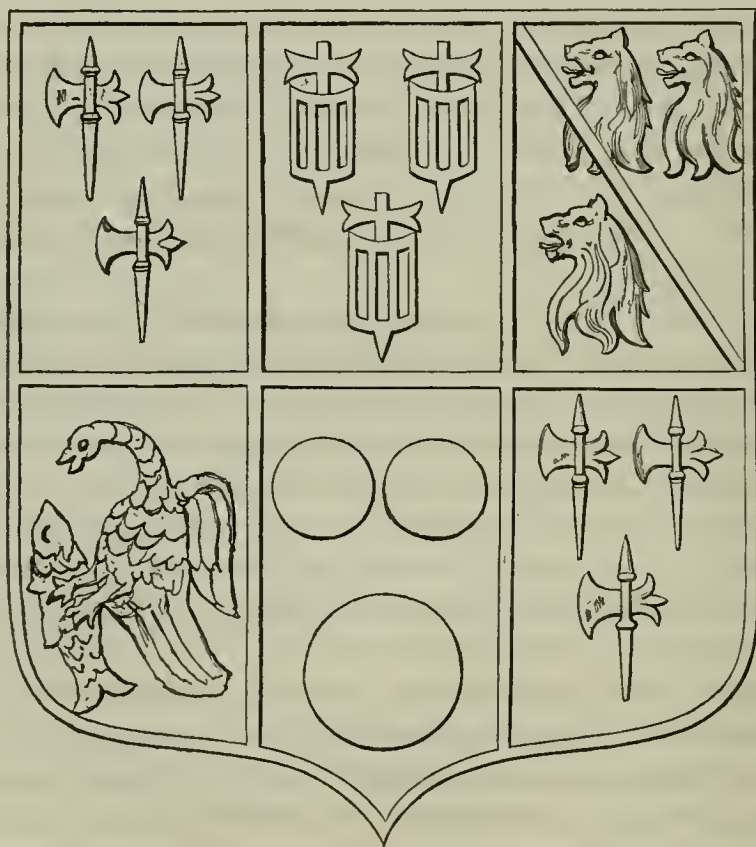
In these works it is described as being of the transition style between the old Tudor or perpendicular, and the new or Palladian. Many of the enrichments peculiar to it are of German invention; artists of that nation having been then much in vogue. The excess of window light, characteristic of houses of that style, and so

¹ Britton’s Lecture on Domestic Architecture.

remarkable in the instance before us, gave occasion to Lord Bacon's observation, that "such houses are sometimes so full of glass that one cannot tell where to become, to be out of the way of the sun or the cold."

One of the terraces with open balustrades of stone, the orchard and the garden, are all that remain out of doors. The offices, gate-houses and every other appendage that it may have had of suitable character, as fountains and bowling green, &c., have disappeared.

Over the chimney piece of a panelled room upstairs, (being the third of the plates above referred to) are still to be seen two shields carved in oak, each bearing the following quarterings.



1. HALL. Sable. 3 poleaxes argent. (This coat with the crest of Hall, "an arm embowed in armour, proper, garnished or, holding a

poleaxe argent," is upon a shield in stone over Hall's almhouse in the town of Bradford).

2. ATFORD. Three cylindrical open-barred spindles or reels, apparently for winding yarn. (Or are they eel-traps, called in heraldry, weels?) The device is very rare and uncertain: but it is evidently some kind of mill apparatus. *At-ford* was the name of an heiress who married one of the early Halls of Bradford: and in an old Herald's note book in the Harleian collection of MSS. (4199. p. 91.) the word Atford is, just perceptibly, written against this quartering in a rough sketch of the arms of Gore of Alderton.

Giles Gore, Esq., of that place (the purchaser, from the Crown, of the Glastonbury Abbey estate at Grittleton in 1561) married Edith, daughter and heiress of a Julian Hall of Bradford (a younger branch of this family). Edith was buried in Alderton church, where a gravestone, in the south aisle, still preserves her initials "E. G. 1560" without further inscription. Thomas Gore, the writer on heraldry, used the quarterings 1 and 2 (Hall and Atford) in his book-plates: and the same arms were also to be seen in Aubrey's time on stained glass in the windows of old Alderton house now destroyed.

3. ——— ? A bend between 3 leopards or lions heads erased. [The Wilts Visitation of 1565, gives in the drawing of Hall's coat, 3 estoiles on the bend].
4. ——— ? An eagle sable, preying on a fish azure. [This was also found on a seal attached to one of the old deeds lately discovered in Kingston House].
5. BESILL. Argent, 3 torteauxes, two and one.
6. HALL. As No. 1.

As this shield contains none of the later quarterings of Hall, it is not unlikely that it may have come from the older house formerly upon this site.

Over the mantelpiece of the entrance hall (the second of the plates alluded to above) was a *painted* coat of arms, of sixteen quarterings, upon a stone shield sunk within a carved oval frame, that again being contained within a carved square frame. Mr. Richardson's

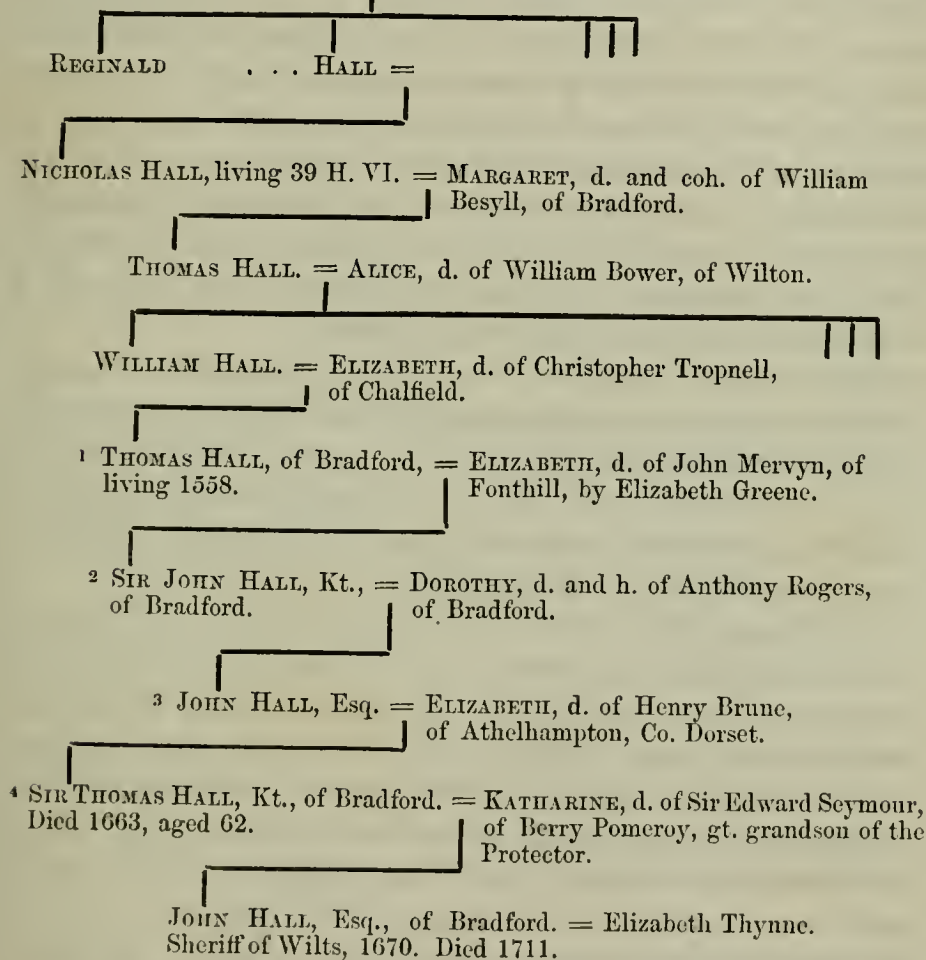
drawing of this coat is so minute that some of the quarterings cannot be distinguished, and the painting itself is now destroyed. Besides those which are represented in the woodcut above, it included Tropnell, Bower, (a cross pattée), and Seymour, (a pair of wings conjoined), and other intermediate quarterings brought in by heiresses, probably Besill and Rogers. At the corners were the crests of Hall, Seymour, (a phoenix), and another, a lion rampant. Over the larger shield upon the edge of the frame, was a smaller one of THYNNE: viz, Quarterly, 1 and 4, barry of ten or and sable (*Boteville*); 2 and 3, argent a lion rampant. There can be no doubt that this painted shield referred to the last owner John Hall, who died 1711: whose mother was a Seymour and whose wife was a Thynne, as will be seen in the pedigree below. He probably embellished or finished the house, which we are inclined to consider must have been built by his grandfather, of the same name.

FAMILY OF HALL OF BRADFORD.

It is not likely that there was any connection between the two families of this name at Salisbury and Bradford. The arms used by the former, "Argent, on a chevron between three columbines azure, a mullet of six points," being wholly different from those of Hall of Bradford, "Sable, 3 poleaxes argent." Hall of Bradford was of considerable antiquity. The name is often met with in very early deeds, as "De Aulâ" or "De la Sale" (*salle* being French for hall). William de Aulâ de Bradford is often mentioned amongst other Wiltshire gentlemen, as a witness to documents of the reign of Edward I. (1273—1307). The family certainly belonged to the class of wealthy gentry, though the name does not occur in the list of Sheriffs of the county, until in the person of the last of the race, in 1670. They married into families of wealth and quality, as will be seen by the following extract from their pedigree, which

only refers to the elder branch, successively owners of the Bradford house, and is taken principally from the Visitation Book of 1565.

THOMAS HALL or De la Sale, = ALICE, d. and h. of Thomas Atford; and h. of of Bradford, Wilts. Nicholas Langridge, of Bradford.



¹ The late Mr. Beckford in his gorgeous, and rather ostentatious, display of heraldry upon the frieze of St. Michael's gallery at Fonthill, in illustration of his own descent from Mervyn and Seymour, introduced several of the alliances made by Hall of Bradford. See *Cent. Mag.*, 1822, part 2, p. 203—318. That of Thomas Hall and Elizabeth Mervyn his wife was, *Hall*: impaling 1 and 4. *Mervyn*. 2. *Greene*. 3. *Latimer*. See Nichols's *Fonthill*, p. 35.

² His shield was also at Fonthill. *Hall*: and, on an escutcheon of pretence *Rogers*, argent, a chevron between 3 bucks trippant sable, attired or, quartering *Besill*. (See woodcut page 268).

³ Also at Fonthill. *Hall*, impaling *Brune*, Azure, a cross cercelee or, quartering *Rokele*, lozengy ermine and gules.

⁴ Also at Fonthill. *Hall* impaling *Seymour*; viz., 1. The Royal Augmentation, or, semee of fleurs-de-lis azure, on a pile gules the 3 lions of England. 2. Gules two wings conjoined in lure or.

This pedigree includes, it will be observed, two or three heiresses by whom accessions of property were made. The first, Alice Atford, brought in the lands of two families, Atford and Langridge. Margaret Besill (a coheiress) contributed a moiety of lands, temp. Henry VI. The next heiress was that of the ancient family of Rogers of Bradford, the founder of which, Anthony Rogers, serjeant at law in 1478, had married the other coheiress of Besill. The Rogers family lived in the house called in later times Methuen House, at the top of Peput Street; in which Aubrey saw "many old escutcheons."¹ Dorothy the heiress of Rogers accordingly brought to the Halls not only her own patrimony, (part of which lay at Holt), but the other moiety also of the Besill estate. Rogers of Cannington was a junior branch of this family.

There is a fine old barn still standing at the west side of Bradford, well known for its Early English roof, framed from the ground so as to be independent of the walls. Aubrey's passing observation, that in 1670 it had upon the point of one of the gables a hand holding a battleaxe, (the crest of Hall), warrants the supposition that it was built by one of this family.

Sir Thomas Hall, last but one in the pedigree given above, married Katharine² daughter of Sir Edward Seymour, (of the elder house), who died 1659, by Dorothy Killigrew. Sir Thomas was a royalist, temp. Charles I.: one of the Wiltshire gentlemen who were obliged to compound for their estates. He was fined £660.

John Hall of Bradford (the last male of the family) added to his father's large estates, the Storridge Pastures, part of the Brooke House estate near Westbury, which he purchased in 1665 of Sir Edward Hungerford of Farley Castle. He was also probably the purchaser of Great Chalfield manor, as he presented to the rectory in 1678. His wife was Elizabeth, second daughter of Sir Thomas Thynne, (who

¹ The arms of Rogers (argent, a chevron between 3 bucks sable) are still to be seen in the top of the east window of Bradford church. The piece of glass is very small and has been turned upside down by the glazier.

² In the History of Mere (p. 134) Lady Hall is called *Anne* Seymour, widow of Dr. Stourton. Edmondson and others contradict this.

died 1670), and sister of Thomas Thynne, Esq., (Tom of Ten Thousand) who was murdered by Count Koningsmark in the streets of London, in February 1682. The monument to Mr. Thynne in Westminster Abbey was erected by Mr. John Hall his brother-in-law and executor.

John Hall at his death in 1711 left one daughter Elizabeth,¹ who became the wife of Thomas Baynton Esq. of Chalfield, second son of Sir Edward Baynton of Bromham. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Baynton was Rachel Baynton, who appears to have been unmarried at the time of her grandfather John Hall's death. By his will dated 10th September, 1708, he devised all his lands in Wilts, Somerset, and elsewhere, to Denzill Onslow, Esq., Edward Lisle, Esq., Francis Goddard, Esq., and Robert Eyre, Esq., trustees; upon trust after the marriage of Rachel daughter of Thomas Baynton, then of Bradford, Wilts, (the testator's granddaughter), for the said Rachel Baynton during her life: after her death to her heirs male successively: remainder to Edward Seymour, son of Sir Edward Seymour, Bart., for his life: remainder to his heirs male: remainder to William Pearce grandson of the testator's sister, Mrs. Coward. By a codicil dated February 1710, he preferred the said William Pearce and his heirs male, before Edward Seymour and his heirs male.

Mr. Hall also by his will charged his farm called Paxeroft farm in Steeple Ashton, lately purchased from Matthew Burges, (now the property of Walter Long, Esq.), with a clear sum of £40 per annum, for the maintenance of four poor men in the almshouse he had lately erected in Bradford.

Attached to the south side of the nave of Bradford church is a small chapel known by the name of "The Kingston Aisle," which is kept in repair by the owner of Kingston House. What may be concealed under the seats or boarded floor of this chapel the writer cannot say, but he has not been able to discover in any visible part of Bradford church the slightest trace of monument, device, inscription, or other memorial whatsoever to the Hall family. On a wooden screen which parted this chapel from the South Aisle there was a few years ago, the Coat of Hall.

¹ See the following Pedigree, page 275.

THE DUKES OF KINGSTON.

Rachel Baynton, granddaughter and by the death of her only brother Henry Baynton, sole heiress, of John Hall, married the Hon. Wm. Pierrepont, only son and heir of Evelyn Pierrepont then Marquis of Dorchester, afterwards first Duke of Kingston. Mr. Wm. Pierrepont died in 1713 at the age of 21, during his father's lifetime. Rachel his wife died in 1722. The first Duke of Kingston (her father-in-law) died in 1726, and was succeeded by his grandson Evelyn, (only son of Wm. Pierrepont and Rachel Baynton,) the second and last Duke of Kingston, who died 1773. This nobleman, as representative of the Halls, had large estates in Bradford and the neighbouring parishes: viz., Great Chalfield manor and advowson, the constablenesship of Trowbridge, the manor of Trowbridge, Monkton near Broughton Giffard, Storridge Pastures in Brooke, the manors and lordships of Bradford, Great Trowle, Little Trowle, Leigh and Woolley, Paxcroft farm in the parish of Steeple Ashton; with lands, &c., in Atford, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Studley, Staverton, Westbury, Melksham, Holt, Steeple Ashton, North Bradley, and Winkfield.

The name of Evelyn was adopted as a christian name in the Duke of Kingston's family from the Evelyns of West Deane, in the Hundred of Alderbury in South Wilts. Robert Pierrepont (who died about 1670), Father of the second *Earl* of Kingston, had married Elizabeth, daughter and coheiress of Sir John Evelyn of that place, and obtained the estate.

The second and last Duke of Kingston, in making his selection of a partner for life, either had never read or had forgotten, or at all events took no manner of heed to, that celebrated sentence on female character, which the great historian of Greece enunciates by the mouth of Pericles: viz., that *her* reputation is the best, with which fewest tongues are busy amongst the other sex, either for praise or blame. For he fixed his choice on one with whom during a great part of the last century all tongues were busy; not all indeed for blame, but certainly not all for praise. The lady rejoiced in a plurality of names, being known first as Elizabeth Chudleigh,

PEDIGREE: to explain the descent of KINGSTON House through the Families of HALL, BAYNTON,
THE DUKE OF KINGSTON, and THE EARL MANVERS.

JOHN HALL, Esq., living 1621. (The = Elizabeth Brune, survived probable builder of Kingston House). | her husband.

Sir Thomas Thynne of Longleat. Died 1670. Sir Thomas Hall, Kt. of = Katharine, d. of Sir Edw. Seymour. Died 1663. Bradford.

Robert = Elizabeth
Pierrepont. | Evelyn.

Sir Edward
of Bromham
Died 1679.

JOHN HALL, of Wm. Coward, = Bridget Hall,
Bradford, Esq., Recorder of only dau.
Sheriff of Wilts Wells. Died
1670. Died 1711. 1705

2. Isabella = Evelyn Pierrepont,
1st Duke of Kingston.
Bentinek. Died March 1726.

1. Mary Fielding.

THOMAS BAYNTON, = ELIZABETH HALL,
of Chalfield, Esq., d. and h. (See Chal-
field Register 1695).
2nd son.

Col. Wm. Coward,
M.P for Wells.

HON. WM. PIERREPOINT, only son =
and heir. Died æt. 21, during his
father's lifetime, July 1st, 1713.

EVELYN PIERREPOINT, succeeded his grandfather as = Elizabeth
2nd and last Duke of Kingston, 1726. Died 1773. Chudleigh.
Frances Pierrepont, = Philip, eldest son of Sir Philip Meadows,
Deputy Ranger of Richmond Park.
only sister and h.

CHARLES MEADOWS, Esq., assumed the surname of Pierrepont. Created Baron Pierrepont and Visc. Newark, 1796. EARL OF MANVERS, 1806. *Sold Kingston House* 1802. Died 1816.

alias the *Honble.* Miss Chudleigh; alias Mrs. Harvey, alias Countess of Bristol, alias finally Duchess of Kingston. Her father was Col. Chudleigh, of Chelsea, a younger brother of Sir George Chudleigh, Bart., of Ashton, in Devonshire. She was born in 1720, and through the influence of Mr. Pulteney, afterwards Earl of Bath, was appointed at an early age Maid of Honour to the Princess of Wales, mother of King George III. Upon a very slight acquaintance and under a mistaken pique against another person, she privately married at Lainstone, in Hampshire, on 4th August, 1744, the *Honble.* Augustus John Hervey, a young lieutenant in the Royal Navy, who in the following year succeeded his brother as Earl of Bristol. From her husband she very soon separated, and after 25 years, still maintaining her situation at court, and her husband being still alive, she married the Duke of Kingston publicly at St. George's, Hanover Square, March 8th, 1769. This union was dissolved by the death of the Duke at Bath, 23rd September, 1773. He bequeathed to her every acre of his great estates for her life, and every guinea of his personal property absolutely. Under this disappointment, his heirs sought for and succeeded in obtaining proof of her first marriage, and the consequence was, that for the offence of bigamy she was impeached before the house of Lords. The trial lasted five days, commencing April 15th, 1776. This event excited, as is well known, the utmost sensation in the fashionable world, and the scene was converted by the caprice of public taste into a complete holiday spectacle. Ladies attended in full court dress, and soldiers were placed at the doors to regulate the entrance of the crowds that pressed in. The appearance of the Duchess herself is thus described by an eye-witness Mrs. Hannah More. "Garriek would have me take his ticket to go to the trial, a sight which for beauty and magnificence exceeded anything that those who were never present at a coronation or a trial by peers can imagine. Mr. Garriek and I were in full-dress by seven. You will imagine the bustle of 5000 people getting into one hall. Yet in all the hurry we walked in tranquilly. When they were all seated, and the King at Arms had commanded silence on pain of imprisonment, (which however was very ill

observed), the Usher of the Black Rod was commanded to bring in his prisoner. Elizabeth calling herself Duchess Dowager of Kingston walked in led by Black Rod and Mr. La Roche, curtsying profoundly to her Judges. The Peers made her a slight bow. The prisoner was dressed in deep mourning, a black hood on her head, her hair modestly dressed and powdered, a black silk sacque with crape trimmings, black gauze deep ruffles, and black gloves. The Counsel spoke about an hour and a quarter each. Dunning's manner was insufferably bad, coughing and spitting at every three words, but his sense and expression pointed to the last degree. He made her Grace shed bitter tears. The fair victim had four Virgins in white behind the Bar. She imitated her great predecessor Mrs. Rudd, and affected to write very often; though I plainly perceived that she only wrote as they do their love epistles on the stage, without forming a letter. The Duchess has but small remains of that beauty of which Kings and Princes were once so enamoured. She is large and ill-shaped. There was nothing white but her face; and had it not been for that she would have looked like a bale of bombazeen."

Lord Chancellor Apsley presided as High Steward. The charge was fully proved, and the marriage with the Duke declared illegal. The Lady read her own defence, and by her tears, cleverness, impudence, and eccentricity, so wrought upon the Honourable House, that they avoided the enactment of any penalties, amongst which would have been, as the law seems then to have stood, the very unpleasant one of being branded in the hand. The prosecutors however failed in their great object, the restitution of the property. The Duke had so worded his bequest that it was inalienably her's under any one of her many titles.

The Duchess's whole life had been one of adventure, display, and indelicate publicity. She had great means at command, and upon her trial incidentally alluded to a balance of £70,000, in her banker's hands. She built Ennismore House, at Kensington. At one of her fêtes, Horace Walpole says, that on all the sideboards and even on the chairs were pyramids and troughs of strawberries and cherries. "You would have thought her the protégée of Vertumnus himself."

After her trial she went to Russia, "en princesse," in a ship of her own; was received graciously by the Empress, purchased for £12,000 an estate near St. Petersburg, and proposed to erect works on it for the distillation of brandy. Soon afterwards she returned to France, where also she had an estate: and died rather suddenly at Paris, 26th August, 1788, aged 68.

She resided occasionally at Kingston House, and no doubt by her fantastic performances infused a little vivacity into the orderly ideas of the townsfolk of Bradford. Old people there still tell traditional tales of her ladyship's peculiarities. Upon her decease, in consequence of the Duke having died without issue, the landed estates which she enjoyed for her life, passed to his sister's son Charles Meadows, who assumed by sign manual the surname and arms of Pierrepont, and was created Earl Manvers in 1806. A very large part of the property still belongs to his family, but Kingston House with about nine acres of ground, was sold in 1802, to Mr. Thomas Divett, who erected a woollen mill upon the premises. The house fell into the occupation of inferior tenants and was rapidly sinking to decay, when it was fortunately again sold by Mr. Divett's representatives in 1848, to the present owner Mr. Stephen Moulton. Mr. Moulton's first act—one for which he deserves the thanks of all admirers of architectural elegance, was to put into complete restoration all that remained of the North Wiltshire Hall of John Hall.

There is some slight reason for believing that the Duke of Monmouth lodged here, during one of his progresses amongst the gentlemen of the west of England; but no specific notice of this circumstance has yet been met with. Upon taking up the floor of one of the apartments in 1851, a curious discovery was made of a beautiful court sword of Spanish steel, which Mr. Moulton gave to the late Captain Palairt, of Woolley Grange, near Bradford. Along with it were found some fragments of horse equipage, holsters, &c.; and a quantity of ancient deeds and papers, chiefly relating to the Hall family and their property, in and near Bradford. As a sequel to the history of Kingston House, we introduce the substance of them in the two following schedules. Number 17 in

Schedule 2, will be found contain evidence that the property in Bath, now belonging to Earl Manvers, was derived to his family from the same source as Kingston House, the HALLS of Bradford.

Schedule I.

ABSTRACT OF LATIN AND ENGLISH DEEDS RELATING CHIEFLY TO LANDS OF HALL AND ROGERS, FOUND UNDER A GARRET FLOOR, IN REPAIRING KINGSTON HOUSE, 1851.

1. Charter of Agnes de Bunewoode granting to William de Forde son of John de Forde, Clerk, (*sic*), all her right in Schortcrofte near Forde, and all her land in the town of Forde, near the land of John and Nicholas de Forde, for the annual payment of Twopence and a $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of pepper. Witnesses, Reginald de Buteler, John de Bosco, Richard de Ba, William France, John his son, Robert de Linton, Roger de Bunewode, and others. [*No date, but probably Hen. III.—Seal destroyed*].
2. Charter of Margaret de Bunewode granting to John Clerk as a marriage portion with her Daughter Juliana half of her lands in Forde with messuage, &c., and a croft on the south side of Horncroft, at the annual rent of a pair of gloves, and one farthing, and to the Lord of the Fee a lb. of pepper. Witn., Sir Walter¹ of Chaldefeld, Martin then Parson of Chaldfelde, Walter then Parson of *the other* Chaldefeld, Robert² de Chaldfeld, Clerk, Henry de Mochesam, William de Mugeworth, (?) Wm. his son, William de Porta, and others. [*No date or seal; but probably Hen. III. or Ed. I. Endorsed "Deed of Margaret de Bowood"*].

¹ Walter of Chalfield is mentioned as Patron of the Rectory 1308-9 (2. Edw. II.) (Wilts Institutions).

² Robert of Broughton was Rector of Gt. Chalfield in 1308. (Wilts. Inst.)

3. Charter of William Clerk of Walton, (*Co. Somerset*) confirming to Henry Peeche and Margaret his wife, a half acre of meadow and appurts; in Porteshevede (*Portishead*) lately bought of John de Vele and Isabel his wife. [*Temp. Edw. II. but no date or seal*].
4. Charter of Thomas Devedaunz confirming to William "de Aulâ" (Hall) and Katharine his wife and Thomas their son an acre of arable land in the South Field of Bradford, for the rent of one farthing. Witn., Adam Vicar of Bradford, John Basset, Nicholas the Dyer, Gilbert the Smith,¹ Wm. Pyle. [*No date or seal—But temp. Edw. II.*]
5. Indented charter of John Carpenter of Bradewey confirming to Thos. Gramary of Marleberge all his land without Marlborough, which he had of Edward son of Richard Clerk, opposite the King's garden. Rd. Walkeby on N. and Thos. Clerk of Clatford on S. To pay $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of eummin at Michælmass. and 6d. annually at the Mass of the B. V. M. in the Church of St. Peter of M. Wit., Stephen Fromund, then Constable of the Castle of Marlborough, Nicholas de Hamper, Sampson de Berewyke, Peter the Parchment-maker, and other Parishioners. [*Temp. Edw. I. Seal gone*].

¹ The two following Deeds (part of the Westley Collection lately given to the Society) relating to Bradford, evidently belong to this period.

1. Omnibus, &c., Robert de Wylmyndon, Clerk, grants to Agnes daughter of Beatrix daughter of William Sullene a Messuage &c., at the head of Bradford Bridge, with a curtilage adjacent, and extending from the said Bridge to the wall of my new Chamber, of the Burgage which formerly belonged to Robert of Wylmyndon my Father, &c. Witnesses, Sir John de Holte. William de la Sale, John Basset, Gilbert le Smith, Nicholas the Dyer, and others. [*No date, but Probably Edw. II. Seal torn off*].
2. Know all men that I John de Holte Kt. have given &c. to Robert de Wylmyndon for 100s. a messuage &c. in Bradeford lying between the tenement of James Carpenter and that which Reginald D'ozilot holds of the Abbess of Shaftesbury. Also a tenement between that of Reginald, and that of Hugh Potel. Witnesses, John de Comerwell Kt., John de Bradeford, John de Hainault, William de Aula (*Hall*), Walter de Chaufefeld (*Chalfield*), Stephen de la Slade, John Basset, John de Murtlegh, John de Wolvelegh (*Woolley*), and others. [*No date but probably Edw. II. Seal in black wax perfect. On a Shield, seemée of fleurs de lys 3 lions rampant. On the legend "JOHANNES DE HOLTE"*].

6. Indented Charter of Walter Fayrchild of Wroxhall, (*South Wroxhall*), granting to Alice la Loche for 40s., a house in W. which was his grange; and a curtilage called Wytherhey, and a croft which he had of John de Comerwelle (*Cumberwell near Bradford*). Also Clifcroft, and Bradecroft, and a croft above Hanecleye between the land of Roger de Berleye and Rogere le Gredere. paying 13d. per ann. to the Lord Prior and Convent of Farleye, viz., at Hockeday 12d. and at Michælmass 1d. To John de Forde 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and to said Walter 1d. Witn., Sir John de Comerwelle, Kt., Rogere de Berleye, John de Bedel, Roger Alwyne and others. [*Temp. Edw. I. Seal gone*].
7. Charter of Robert Gerneys of Buddebury, confirming to Wm. de Aulâ (Hall) of Bradford, and Katharine his wife, for 20s., a piece of land in Berefeld, called Garston, bet. the land of John de Asselegh and John de Bradford, and nigh Buddebury Wood. Wit., Sir John de Holte, Sir John de Comerwelle, Kt., Walter de Chaldfeld, John Basset, &c. [*The date and seal gone: but temp. Edw. I*].
8. (1315). Quitclaim of Robert le Knyzt and Matilda his wife to Wm. de Bradford and Katharine his wife, of land held of W. de B. in Portisheued, with Fisheries. Dated Bristol. "Tuesday after Feast of St. Augustine First Bishop of England." [8 and 9 *Ed. II. Endorsed "The Fischynge at Bristol"*].
9. (1316). Judgment of Recovery at Sarum to Thos. son of Warin Mauduit and Robert Seal in the sum of 20s. from John Was-pail, 10. *Edw. II.*
10. (1324). Charter of Reginald de la Sale of Bradford, confirming to Roger le Wolmanger and Matilda his wife a messuage, &c., near "le Provendere" (*the market?*) 3 acres in Woolflege field (*Woolley*), 1 in Kingsfield bet. the land of the Rector of Bradford, and Mowat's, 1 acre on west side of the Moor, near Wm. le Vignur's land. For the rent of a rose. Reversion to Sir Thomas my Brother, Rector of Porteshead. Witn., John de Bradley, John Basset, John de Mugworthley and others. Dated Bradford, 18. *Edw. II.* [*Impression of seal of white wax gone*].

11. (1325). John Waspail of Smalebrook confirms to Adam le Threscher of Bishopstrow an acre in le Mersche, for his service during life. Rent, 12 silver pence. Dated Bishopstrow, 19 Edw. II. Wit., Robert Swaynge, Osbert Gostelyn, Ad. Goscelin, Atte Mulle, Wm. Wyneband, &c. [*Seal of white wax, but impression gone*].
12. (1274). Quitclaim from Isabella widow of Roger Kentisse, dau. of Wm. Walwayn of Tral (*Trowle*), to Peter de Tral son of Rich. Walwayn her brother, of her right in a messuage, &c., wh. Walter the Miller held in Tral. For rent of 12d. and 20s. paid. This quitclaim was made in the Church of Trowbridge, before all the Parishioners: Sunday aft. Ascension, 3. Edw. I. Witn., Thomas de Tuderigge, Walter the Miller, Wm. of the Well “(*At-well*)” of Monkton Farley, &c. [*Seal gone*].
13. (1328). Indented Charter of Reginald, son and heir of Wm. de Bradeford, confirming to Margaret who was wife of Thos. Frankeleyn of Batwell, all the messuage wh. Walter le Way held in Porteshead. Wit., Wm, de Capenore, Peter Tilly, Bryan le Frye, Philip of Bradford, John de Capellâ, &c. Dated Portishead, 1. Edw. III. “The sd. Margaret not to marry without consent: if she does the premises to be forfeited.”
14. (1329). Indented Charter of Reginald de la Sale of Bradford: granting to Thomas his Brother, a messuage &c., late Elizabeth la Bret’s in Porteshead. 60s. Rent. Also 24s. Rent yearly in Bradford, 2. E. III.
15. (1329). Indented Charter of Reginald de Bradford confirming to Richard Caphaw (or Caphode) and Joan his wife and Isabella their dau., a tenement, &c., in Frogmerestreet, late held of him by Henry de Baa. Dated at Bradford, 2. E. III. [The house is described as lying between that of Thomas Mey, and the way which leads from *the Church of St. Olave* towards the Mill: the land called “*Reveland*” and in “*Kingfield*”]. Witn., John Basset, John Gibbes, Richard Poyntz, Wm. Pylke, Nicholas the Dyer, &c. [*Seal gone*].

16. (1330). Indented Charter of John le Semples of Marleberge and Elena his wife granting to Margaret late wife of John de Stanborne of M. a tenement in M., with a curtilage "as far as the Ditch." Dated at M., 4 E. III. Witn., Wm. de Rammeshalle, then Constable of the Castle of Marl., Richard de Brai, then Mayor, Walter Gives, Henry le Denere, then Prefects of the Town, Wm. Atweld, &c.
17. (1333). The same parties grant to Matilda, formerly wife of Roger Hogeby of Marlborough a Tent. in M. "opposite the steps of the Cemetery of St. Peter's Ch." Witn., as above, and Robert Kathecate, Edmund le Man, wardens of the said town. Dated at M., 7 Edw. III.
18. (1335). Indented quitclaim of Laurence de Montfort, son and heir of Alexander de M., to James de Trowbrigge, for his life, 50s. of ann. rent, wh. James holds in Okebourn Meysi. Wit., Thos. Delamere, John de Montfort, John Delamere, Robert de Nony, Henry son of John de M., Robert Admotes, &c. Dated at Nony (Nunney) on Feast of St. George the Martyr, 9 Edw. III. (April 23). [*On a seal of white wax—a Bend, Ermine*].
19. (1336). Joan dau. of John de Buddebury quitclaims to John de la Slade a Tenement wh. Peter Fouke held of Stephen de la Slade and Joan his dau. in Bradford. Wit., John de Bradley, George de Percy, John Basset, John Gylbys, Rich. Poyntz, &c. Dated Bradford, Friday before St. Aldelm, 10 Edw. III. [*Seal gone*].
20. (1320). James Walwayn of Trol quitclaims to Richard his son all his right to lands in Trol and Holte, and in the Bailiwick of the Bedelry of the Court of Farleigh.¹ Wit., John of Bradleghe, Nicholas de Wyke, &c. Dated at Trol, 14 Edw. II. [*A small seal of red wax, on which a device; a cross and flower*].

¹ "Et in Balliva Bedelrie Curie de Farleigh."

21. (1341). Deed of obligation by which John Corp, of Turlinge (*Turley, near Bradford*) and Isolda his wife are bound to John Basset of Bradford in £5 sterling, to be paid in the *Church of the Holy Trinity at Bradford*. Dated at B., 15 Edw. III. [*Seal gone*].
22. (1342). Quitclaim from Wm. Iwen of Thanestone (*Thoulston, near Warminster?*) to John Wyther of La Penne of a croft of land near Golden grove at Chaldecotte. Witn., Richard Danesy, Nicholas Fitzwarren, Wm. de Grimsted, Walter de Sherenton, John le Gol. Dated at La Penne, 16 E. III.
23. (1351). Warrant of Attorney from James Norris: appointing Thos. Harald of Stodeleigh (*near Trowbridge*) and Wm. Daunteseye of Trowbridge his Atts. to place Wm. Stodeleigh his kinsman in possn. of tenements at Okebourne Meysi. Dated Trowbridge, 25 E. III.
24. (1351). Warrant of Attorney from Margaret Abbess of Shaftesbury and the Convent there, to Rob. Dychford: to place Thos. Skathloke and Edith dau. of Roger le Porter in possn. of a messuage in Lygh (*Bradford-Leigh*) and Wroxhale within their Manor of Bradford. Dated Shaftesbury, 25 E. III. [*Seal of the Benedictine Nunnery of Shaftesbury, Co. Dorset. Dedicated first to the B. V. Mary, and afterwards to St. Edmund, King and Martyr. Part of the legend is left. "... LEA MARIS TU NOBIS AUX..... CTI EDWARDI REGIS ET MARTYRIS"*].
25. (1350). Indenture between Philip Pilk and Agnes his wife, and Nicholas le Webbe and Christina his wife, whereby to the latter are granted a messuage and appurts. in Bradford. Wit., Thos. Atte Halle, Nicholas Gibbes, Thos. Pilk, Thos. Ledbeter, &c. Dated Bradford, Xtnas Eve, 30 E. III. [*Seal gone*].
26. (1356). Indented Charter of Nicholas Atte Slade and Joan his wife, confirming to Wm. Perham and Katharine his wife an acre, &c. in Bradford, lying in Kingsfield. 4d. Rent. Wit., Thos. Atte Halle, John Besyles, Geo. Vincent, Nich. Gibbes, John de Ashlegh. Dated Bradford, 30 E. III. [*Seal gone*].
27. (1360). Same Parties confirm to Thos. Middleton and Matilda his wife another piece in Kingsfield. 1d. Rent. Dated at B., 34 E. III. [*Same witnesses*].

28. (1363). Conrt Roll of Wm. Waspayl, held at Smalebrooke, 37 E. III. [*The left side of the original eaten by rats*].
29. (1366). Release from John Folevyle and Margery his wife, to Thos. Harald of Stodleye (*near Trowbridge*) relating to a Tenement late Wm. Atte Fenne's formerly husband to Margery in Fontel Episcopi, Co. Wilts. Witn., Robert Delamere, John de Edyndone, Philip Fitzwaryn, Kts., John Mareys, Wm. Atte Clyve, Thos. Gore, &c. Dated Edyndon, 10 April, 40 E. III. [*Fragments of 2 seals on a single tie appended: on the upper one, (probably the arms of Folevyle) per fess, ermine and or: a cross*].
30. (1371). Charter of John Solne, son and heir of Stephen Solne, confirming to Sir John Gyle, Vicar of Bradford,¹ and Sir John de Mydylton, Chaplain, an acre of arable land in Bradford, bet. the land of John Walwayne and Ralph Atte Watte. Wit., Sir Philip Fitzwaryn, Kt., Thomas Hungerford, Thos. Gore, John Waschley, and Thos. Atte Forde. Dated Bradford, Sunday, Feast of St. Margaret the Virgin, 45 Edw. III.
31. Indented Charter of John de Freshforde, Lord of Freshforde, granting to Philip de Frye and Alice his wife lands, late held by Elyas de Noreys, 2 acres being next the Park wall of Henton,² 1 upon Riggeley, and $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre in Putlonde, $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre against land of the Rectory of Freshford, 1 bet. Rector's land and Robert Parsones's, also against Brockholes and Chysemcade. Alice, Margaret, and Philip, children of P. Frye. Wit., Richard Atte Bridge, John Peyt. [*Probably Rich. II.: but the Deed much mutilated*].
32. (1380). Deed of Attorney, Alice de Wilde appoints Walter de Forde, and John Godman of Farleigh her Attornies to put Walter Moleyter (?) and Margaret his wife in possn. of land in Wroxale. Dated at Farley (*Monkton F.*), 4 R. II. [*Seal gone*].

¹ John Gill, V. of Bradford, 1349. (Wilts Inst.)

² Henton Charterhouse Abbey.

33. (1381). Indented Charter of John, Lord of Freshforde, son and h. of Reginald de F. granting to Thos. Burgeis and Agatha his wife and John their son a messuage called Wodeplace in F., and a road in Templewood, leading to his house, for driving his cattle to field, lately held by Hugh Mason. Rent 5s. and 2 capons at Michmas. Excepting Regal Service at his Court at Freshford. Witn., John Crompe, John Atte Halle, John Rengoe, John Bateman, Rich. Atte Brigge. Dated Freshforde, 29 June, 5 R. II. [*Seal gone*].
34. (1381). Charter of Thomas Atte Forde, granting to John Aldeburgh, Rector of Combe Hawey, and John Videln a Mess. and 26 acres, late John le Eyr and Alice his wife, in la Forde, in the Tithing of la Lye. Wit., John Ashley, John Percy, Rob. de Barton, Nicholas Atte Slade. Dated Bradford, 5 Rich. II. [*Seal of St. Nicholas performing the miracle on the children in the Tub*].
35. (1381). Charter of Nicholas Slade conceding to Adam Atte Welle, John Midilton, Chaplains, Nicholas Boteler, and Richard Myson, a Cottage, &c. late Gregory Vele's, in Slade. Witn., Thos. Atte Halle, John Ashlegh, &c. Dated at Bradford, 5 R. II.
36. (1389). Quitclaim from Cicely Barbure, to Adam Smyth and Alice his wife of a Tenement at Marlborough, between the Gildehall and Baker's. Sealed with the common seal of Marl. Witn., Wm. Hasthrope, Kt., then Constable of the Castle of M.; Robert Warner, Mayor; Rd. Pottone, Peter Baldry, John Norewyn, and Henry Broysebois, Overseers ("*præpositis*") of the said Town, 20 April, 12 R. II. [*Portion of the seal of the Town of Marlborough left—a castle and "-IGILL . . c."*]
37. (1390). Quitclaim from John Videln to Thos. Atte Forde: of 24 acres in La Lyghe in Parish of Bradford: which J. V. and John Aldeburgh late Parson of Combe Hawey had of the gift of Thos. Wit., Thos. Atte Halle, John Percy, &c. Dated Bradford, Friday before Feast of St. Nicholas, 14 R. II. [*On a seal * I **].

38. (1408). Indented charter: John Freshford grants to Robert Haseldene and Agnes his wife a messuage at Freshford for 6 years. Wit., John Atte Brigge, Wm. Keys, &c. Dat. Freshford, 10 H. IV. [*Seal gone*].
39. (1410). Quitclaim of Thos. Stokes, Rector of St. Andrew's, Winefeld¹ (*Winkfield*) to Thos. Donne, of all actions, &c. Dated at Lewes, 12 H. IV. [*No seal left*].
40. (1414). Wm. Botyler and John Mascall, Clerk, and John Waache to Richard Slade of Legh nr. Bradford, Co. Wilts, and Edith his wife, an annual Rent of 6s. 8d. from lands of John and Margaret Shepherd in Farleyghswyke. Witn., Walter Hungerford, Wm. Chayny, Kts., Wm. Besile, Reginald Halle, &c. Dated Leyghe, 15 January, 1 H. V.
41. (1418). Indenture at Marlborough, 6 H. V. bet. Reginald Halle of Bradforde and Robert Longe on one part, and Agnes Walwey late wife of John W. respecting a cottage and 2 acres in the Fields of Okebourne Moysy. Reversion to heir of R. and R. [*Part of a seal, with "T."*]
42. (1424). Charter of (*Dominus*) Sir Wm. Mery and John Waker of Aldryngton, granting to Walter Lycham and Emma his wife of Aldyngton, all the lands, &c. which they lately held of gift of W. Lycham. Wit., John Hert, Wm. Bovetone, John Tanner, Nicholas —ody, John Proche. Dat. Aldryngtone, F. of St. Edmond K. and M., Nov. 22, 3 Henry VI.
43. (1425). Indented charter of Wm. Besyle son and heir of W. B. of Bradford: granting to Roger Trewbody, lands, late Rich. Walwayn's in Troll, or elsewhere, in Hundred of Melksham and Bradford. Dat. Troll, 20 June, 3 H. VI. [*On seal, a rose above a heart*].
44. (1433). Charter of Wm. Beauchamp, Kt. and Elizabeth his wife, relating to Alice Dent and her heirs, a meadow called Le Parrok, in the common meadow of Bastledene, between Sener's and Craas's, 12 H. VI. [*Two seals: on the first—A*

¹ Thomas Stokes appointed to Rectory of W.—1403. (Wilts Inst.)

Fess bet. 6 martlets. Supporters 2 Swans. Crest, a Swan's head couped at the neck issuing out of a ducal coronet—BEAUCHAMP. On the second—3 dice dotted].

45. (1437). Indented charter of Wm. Seyntgeorge Esq. and Joan his wife, granting to Thos. Hulberd and Edith his wife, Bynehayes in Trol, between a close of the Abbess of Shaftesbury and John Wilshote's. Wit., Thos. Hall, Wm. Besile, Nicholas Hall, &c. Dated Feast of St. Richard, (Ap. 3) 15 H. 6.
46. (1439). Indenture at Southbrome, Co. Wilts, 18 H. VI. bet. John Fyton Esq. and Thos. Norton of S., about lease of lands at Sherborne, Co. Dorset, and at Lavington, Mershetone, Poterne, Vysewyke, Sterte, Eston, Canynges Episcopi.
47. (1453). Receipt of One Penny from John Gawen at a Court at Bradford, 32 H. VI. in 13th year of the Lady Edith Bonham, Abbess in the time of Wm. Carente, Steward, for a garden. [*Tenement of Henry Longge mentioned*].
48. (1454). Indenture bet. John Gale of Westbury, Wilts, and Wm. Smyth of Bradford and Edith his wife and John their son, 2 Tenements in B., 1 in Sleny Street, between the Ten. of Henry Longe Esq. and Wm. Pylks. The other in same St. bet. the Ten. of Rob. Lord Hungerford, and Thos. Halls's Esq. Witn., Wm. Touker, N. Halle, 33 H. VI.
49. (1460). Power of Atty. by John Stringer to John Baskett to put Nich. Hall and Thos. Roger in possn. of a tenement called Dauntesey, in the parish of Twynyho and Wellowe, 39 H. VI. [*Also Bradley in Wellow*].
50. (1462). Bond of John Lynne of Wilton, nr. New Sarum, lynnewever, to Thos. Norton in 100s., 2 E. IV.
51. (1472). Indented Charter. Nich. Halle Esq. to Wm. and Eliz. Coscombe of Marlborough his granary in M. Witnesses, John Mermyn, Mayor; Rd. Austin and John Spicer, Constables; John Ferna and Thos. Awent, Bailiffs; Rich. Ady John Sylvester, Under-Bailiffs; Rob. Somerfyld, &c., 12 Edw. IV. [*On seal "I. H. S." with a crown over it*].

52. (1485). Power of Atty. by Wm. Rogers, Esq. of Bradford, to Henry Whittington and John Jordane to enter on lands in B. and Troll and deliver possn. to John Horton and Wm. Kente.— 1 March, 2 R. III.
53. (Hen. VII). Bond of John Fripp and Robert Sturmy, keepers of the Goods of ——— of Bradford, and Walter Frydy, in £100. [*Very illegible*].
- 53.^a (1502). Royal Pardon and Revocation of Outlawry, for Thomas Hall in the Fleet Prison, 18. H. VII. (*trans. from Latin*):— “Henry, &c. To all Bailiffs, &c. Know that since John Turberville, Kt., in our court before Thos. Wode, Kt., and other Justices of the Bench, by our writ impleaded Thomas Hall, lately of Bradford, Co. Wilts, gentleman, of a debt of £100: And the said Thomas in that he came not to answer the demand, &c., was placed in our court of Outlawry in London, and was then fully outlawed as fully appeareth by the tenor of a Record and Process of Outlawry which we caused to come before us in our Chancelry: And now the said Thomas has surrendered himself at our Prison the Fleet before our present Justices aforesaid, and remains in the said Prison, as our beloved Thos. Frowyk our Chief Justice in the same Bench has certified to us at our Command in our aforesaid Chancelry: We moved by pity have Pardoned to the sd. Thomas the Outlawry aforesd. and grant our peace to him for the same. So that nevertheless he may appear in our Court, if the aforesaid John shall desire to speak with him touching the debt above mentioned. In Testimony, &c., we have caused these our Letters to be made patent. Teste meipso at Westminster, 15 October. [*A fine impression of the Great Seal of England in white wax, but legend gone*].
54. (1513). Warrant from John West, one of the Justices of Peace of Co. Wilts to Constables, &c., for apprehension of John Nores of Bradford; John James, weaver, and Margaret his wife, having exhibited Articles of the peace against him; and to be taken to Fisherton Anger gaol, “danger permitting,” 5 H. VIII. [*Seal gone, and no signature*].

55. (1514). Bond of John Hoone of Lacock, "bowchere," to Wm. Kyngton, of Atford, husbandman, in £20, 6 H, VIII.
56. (1523). Indenture (*English*) Wm. Bayley of the Ley in Par. of Bradford, leases to Wm. (Dunwyn or) Gunwyn of Wynysey a house called the oo house. Witn., Wm. Rogers, John Steynwode, &c. 10 Sep., 15 H. VIII.
57. (1528). Mem. John Halse appeared at a Court, 20 H. VIII., and reed. late Foxe's Tenement,
58. (1544). Memd. at Court of Anthony Rogers, Esq. and Anne his wife, held at Holte, 36 H. VIII. Rd. Chapman reed. land in Holt.
59. (1545). Indenture (*English*) Anthony Rogers, Esq. of Bradford leases to Rd. Drewis of Holte, the Park, Lowsley, Holes, in Holt, and a Tent. in Little Holt. To sue at Roger's court at Holte, 37 H. VIII. [*On seal I*R**].
60. (1545). Memd. at Court of Anthony Rogers, Esq. held at Bradford, 37 H. VIII. Edw. Kyng, reed. tenement in Tollene St. for life.
61. (1546). Indenture (*English*) between Anthony Rogers of Bradford, and Robert Graunt, Yeoman, granting a close in B., 23 Oct., 38 H. VIII.
62. (1551). Indenture (*English*) Anthony Rogers of B. Esq., lets to Walter Graunt his land in Comberwell. 10s. Rent. 5 Edw. VI.
63. (1553). Indented Deed witnessing that Bryan Lyle son of Lancelot Lyle late of Kympton (near Ludgershall) Co. Southamp. Esq., is bound apprentice to Wm. Blanke, Citizen and Haberdasher of London for the learning of his art for 9 years, I Mary. [*On seal a merchant's mark*].
64. (1555). Anthony Rogers of B. Esq., bound in £10 to Nicholas Radiche of West Lockeridge, Co. Berks, 24 April, 1 and 2 Phil. and Mary.
65. (1555-6). At Court of A. Rogers and Anne, of Brad. and Holt. (2 and 3 Phil. and M). Nicholas, son of Wm. Webbe of B. appeared, to retain 2 tenements.
66. (1556). Indenture 22 July, 2 and 3 Phil. and Mary: Anth. Rogers, Esq., and John Druce of Ashley, in the Hund. of Bradford, abt. a close. Signed "by me Anthony Rogers."

67. Mem. of Court of A. Rogers and Anne, abt. a Tenement.
68. (1558). Thos. Hall of Bradford, bound in £100 to John Dauntesey of West Lavington, 12 Sept., 5 and 6 Phil. and M. John Dauntesey, Esq. held by demise from Wm. Hall, Esq., "Folleys," "Chancellors," "Deacons," and "Stanford," closes in West Lavington). Signed "by me Thos. Halle."
69. (1562). Bond of Thos. Hall, in £1000, to Anthony Rogers, Esq., 17 June, 4 Eliz.
70. (1563). Anthony Rogers, Esq., bound in £20 to Wm. Chapman of Frome Selwood, 17 April, 5 Eliz.
71. Duplicate.
72. (1562). Indenture (*English*) John Basset of Apse Wytham in Parish of Newchurch Wytham, Isle of Wight, about a £100 in which Anthony Rogers, Esq., is bound to him, 10 Dec., 5 Eliz. [*Seal gone*].
73. (1564). Anthony Rogers, of B. bound to John Horton of Westwood Co. Wilts, gent., in £40, 6 Oct. 6 Eliz. [*These deeds are cut through in several places, as a mark of being cancelled. And to the repayment endorsed, there are 10 witnesses*].
74. (1568). Indenture between Walter Bush of Bradley, Wilts, gent., and Wm. Horton of Iforde, gent., on 1st part; Anthony Rogers, Esq., of 2nd; about a debt of £80 13s. 4d., 26 March, 11 Eliz.
75. (1572). John Hall of B. bound in £200 to Thomas Yerbury of B. clothier, 21 Nov., 15 Eliz. (£100 to be paid to Antony Piccaring of Troll).
76. (1579). Do. to Thos. Walleys of Frome, Som: Clothier, in £10, 21 April, 21 Eliz., "to be paid in the South Poreh of the Parish Church of Trowbridge."
77. (1592). Indenture bet. Andrew Colthurst of Stony Littleton, Co. Som. Esq., and Thos. Abyam of Bath, Innholder, lease of Broadmead in Witcombe, 21 Dec., 35 Eliz.
78. (1618). John Hall of Bradford. Bond of £200 to Rob. Fry of Bath, 19 Oct., 16 Jas. Wit., by Michael Stokes.¹

¹ Michael Stokes, Rector of Farleigh-Hungerford, 1599-1611.

79. (1614). Edw. Wainford of Trowbridge, tipler, Martin Wimpye of do., taylor, and Anthony Rundell, of do. weaver; bound in £100 to the King; not to dress or suffer to be dressed any Flesh in E. Ws. house during the time of Lent, 9 March, 11 Jas. I.
80. (1617). Indenture (*English*) John Hall, Esq. of Bradford, lets to John Charnbury of Southstoke: Odwood Down, 50 acres, in Witcombe; also Beechlawn as it hath been accustomed to be enjoyed in the winter for the Hogge Flocke of Lyncombe. (Elizabeth, wife of John Hall), 10 March, 14 Jas. I.

Amongst some loose seals also found, were a goat's head erased holding a thistle in his mouth, and an eagle displayed preying upon a fish, legend illegible.

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Schedule II.

Besides the deeds above given there were also found several loose and mutilated papers from which the following are extracts.

1. (*About* 1456). Indenture between Cicely widow of John Barnard, Henry Bradley and Joan his wife (one of the daus. and heirs of John and Cicely) and Wm. Gore jun., and Cicely his wife, (another of the daus. and heirs), relating to lands in Lavington and Fiddington late belonging the said John and Cicely Barnard. [*No date*].
2. (1465). A Latin Deed relating to the Monastery of St. Saviour and St. Bridget at Sion in the parish of Isleworth, Co. Midd., dated 5 and 6 Edw. IV., and witnessed by George Nevill, Bishop of Exeter and Chancellor of England; Thomas Bourchier, Archbishop of Canterbury; George, Duke of Clarence; Richard, Duke of Gloucester; Sir Walter Blount, Treasurer, and others; Elizabeth being Abbess.
3. (1517). A release to James Horton, Clerk, and others, by John Eyre of Hullavington, of lands &c., in Bremhill and Foxham late belonging to John Goldney, 7 July, 9 Henry 8.
4. (1537). Receipt signed by Christopher Willoughby of £4 10s. received by the hands of Osmond Hall, "forling of dew to Alice my wyffe on Phelippys day and Jakobbe last past."
5. (1559). An Agreement about the Tithes of the Parsonage of Holt, between John Eyre (*Chalfield*) and Thomas Hall, Esq.
6. (1572). A receipt of 6 shillings Chief Rent paid by Mr. Hall of Bradford to the Liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster.
7. Another of 8 shillings, paid by Mr. Thomas Hall as four years rent for lands in Trowle: signed by Wm. Longe, Deputy Receiver of the Duchy; and John Lydiard, General Treasurer.
8. (1574). A Letter from Robert Davis of High Holborn, London, to his Brother in Law John Hall, Esq.

9. (Elizabeth). A fragment containing notes of sales of land chiefly by the Colthursts (who had been great purchasers of Bath Abbey Estates at the Dissolution), viz.:—
 7. Eliz. Edmund Colthurst to Edw. Wynter, lands at Claverton near Bath.
 8. Eliz. Thomas Ludlow to John Clement, tenements at Lyncombe.
 8. Eliz. Vicary to Jenings, the manor of Widcombe.
 15. Eliz. Edmund Colthurst, tenements in Bath, to the Mayor and Citizens.
Do. to Franklyn, in do.
 19. Eliz. Edmund Colthurst, tenements at Charterhouse Hinton, to Walter Hungerford.
 27. Eliz. Do., tenements at Combe and Widcombe, to Richard Hles.
Do., to Langford.
 30. Eliz. Edmund Colthurst to Edward Hungerford, lands at Claverton near Bath.
 31. Eliz. Do., Walcot Barton to Alex. Staples.
10. (1607). A Letter, dated Dublin, 23 Sept., to John Hall, Esq., from James Ley, (*afterwards Earl of Marlborough*) then Chief Justice of the King's Bench in Ireland, to John Hall of Bradford, Esq.: warning him and his brother magistrates to enforce the law against drunkards, especially in the town of Westbury, (*for which he was sometime M.P.*)

“Our town of Westbury hath need of you, to see to the corruption that useth to grow in such places. I pray you take some care of our drinkers; and since the King hath made some good laws against that vice, I hope that you that be magistrates will not suffer it to encrease more than when there were no laws against it.” [He then rallies him about some neglected commission]. “Because men break their promises ordinarily at home, it is no marvel if faith be broken abroad, and with those that are divided both by sea and land.”
11. (1615). A letter from John Yewe to his “Right worshipful and very good Landlord Mr. John Hall, Esq., in Bradford.”
12. (1617). A letter to Sir James Ley of Westbury, from Mrs. Melior Bampffield, widow of John Bampffield of Hardington, Co. Som. Esq., commenced against her by Mr. Hall of Bradford, for the recovery of £100, lent by him to her late husband. [Mr. Hall had called her a “most unconscionable woman”].

13. (1621-1641). Letters of administration before Marmaduke Lymne in the court of John, Bishop of Salisbury, taken out by Elizabeth, (*Brune*) widow of John Hall, Esq.
14. (1627). A warrant addressed to Henry Longe and others, signed by James Ley, William Poulett, and John Hall; to meet them at Trowbridge to hear the contents of certain letters received from the Lords of the Council. Dated 27 August.
15. (1668). A small pamphlet in black letter printed by Clarke, Smithfield, called,

“The Bloody Apprentice executed, being an account of a murder committed by Thomas Savage, a vintner’s apprentice in Ratcliffe, upon a fellow maid servant: and how having been hanged and cut down, he revived and and was hanged the second time, Oct. 28, 1668.”

16. From some old Rate papers relating to Parishes in the neighbourhood of Bradford, we may collect the names of the *principal landowners* in those places at that time.

1605. WESTBURY. Thomas Bennet, gent., (and in 1608,
Mrs. Margaret Bennet).

Sir James Ley, Kt.

Jeffery Whitaker, (chief paymaster
in 1806).

John Lambe, Esq.

Nicholas Phipps.

Jeremy Horton, Gent.

BROOKE Wm. Jones, Esq., (Sir Edward Hungerford, 1608, Sir Jasper More, Kt.,
and W. Jones).

PENLEY Mrs. Bridget Earnley.

DILTON Anthony Selfe.

CHAPSMANSLADE Sir James Ley.

BRATTON Sherston Bromwich, (Ann Bromwich,
1608).

1607. BROUGHTON AND Edward Long.

MONKTON Mr. Bold.

Mr. Horton.

Nicholas Gore.

SOUTH WRAXHALL Sir Walter Long, Kt.

Edward Graves.

ATWORTH John Yerbury.

BORO' OF BRADFORD	John Hall, Esq.
	John Yewe, Gent.
	Thos. Reed, Vicar.
	Richard Horne.
	Thomas Yerbury.
	John Houlton.
	John Druce, the tithes.
IFORD & WESTWOOD	Nicholas Snell.
	Tobias Horton.
WINSLEY	George Compton.
	John Raynold.
STOKE	Drew Druce.
	John Shute.
TROWLE	John Shute.
LEIGH & WOOLLEY	Christopher Morris and John Powell.
	Robert Browne, the tithes.
HOLT	John Roger, ditto.
	John Grant, Thos. Chapman, and John Erle.
WHADDON	Edward Long, Gent.
	William Buckle, Clerk.
POULSHOT	Edward Long.
	Ambrose Earnley.

THE MANVERS PROPERTY IN BATH.

17. The next extracts throw some light upon a point in the topography of the City of Bath. It is well known that upon the ground south of the Abbey Church once stood the Priory of St. Peter and St. Paul, whose property included all the space between the Church and the River, round to Southgate Street; extending beyond the River to Prior Park, Lyncomb, and Widecombe. The Priory was "voluntarily" surrendered by Wm. Hollwey the last Prior, on 27 January, 1539. A principal purchaser was one Matthew Colthurst. All that Collinson then says of it, (Som. I. 58.) is that Colthurst "sold to Morley, from whom it descended to the Duke of Kingston." This of course refers to the well known extensive property in Bath now belonging to Earl Manvers, the present representative of the Duke.

But from some remnants of old law papers rescued, amongst others, from the mice of Kingston House, it is clear that part at least, and probably the whole, of the Manvers property at Bath, *had belonged to the Halls of Bradford*; and that it passed from the Halls to the Dukes of Kingston and thence to Lord Manvers, exactly in the same way as Kingston House and the other large property at Bradford.

In the following letter (written somewhat sentimentally for a matter of bargain and sale), one Patrick Sanders, M.D., applies to *John Hall, Esq. of Bradford*, for part of the *Abbey House and Orchard, then in his possession*.

“9, October, 1619.

“The life of man which wanders through the body of earth until she hath finished her peregrinations, doth at last retire to the heart, that “*primum vivens*” and “*ultimum moriens*” (*that liveth soonest and dieth latest*). And so I toward the end of my days do desire to retire toward the same place where first I drew my breath. Having heard that some things there are in your possession which might happily fit me, I was the rather moved as well by reason of the situation as also in regard to that worth which I have heard often to be in yourself, from whom I am confident to receive all worthy and good conditions. Briefly, I have heard that the *Abbey and the Abbey Orchard* is to be sold, and some other things near the City in your power to grant. Because of my profession I desire to be in the house or part thereof, while Dr. Sherwood lives.”

To this touching appeal Mr. Hall appears to have consented, but in proceeding to gratify the medical gentleman with the coveted domicile near Dr. Sherwood, he found himself suddenly entangled in the intricacies of the law. For the next fragment (dated the following year) reveals a dispute about a certain way leading into the Abbey Orchard of St. Peter and St. Paul at Bath. The result of the dispute does not appear, and it is immaterial: enough remaining to show that Mr. Hall was possessor of part of the Abbey property. But as the papers contain some notices of the site of the Abbey, which may be interesting to those who know Bath, it is worth the while to preserve their substance.

(1620). The dispute in the first instance lay between the Mayor and Corporation, Plaintiffs; and John Biggs, Defendant. The

claim on the part of the City was, that by Letters Patent dated 12 July, 6 Edw. VI. 1552, they had, upon petition, obtained for the purpose of founding a Grammar School, a grant from the Crown of all the lands in the City and Suburbs, lately belonging to the Priory, including the contested way into the Orchard.

The case of the other party was, that long before the grant made to the Mayor and Corporation, Henry VIII., by Letters Patent dated 16 March 1543, had granted to Humfrey Coles for the sum of £962 17s. 9d., the site of the said Priory, with every thing within the circuit of the said Priory. That Humfrey Coles on 18 March in the same year, 1543, sold the Orchard to Matthew Colthurst and his heirs: that it descended to Edmund Colthurst, who 41 years afterwards, 1584, quietly enjoyed it as part of the Priory House. Edmund Colthurst mortgaged it to — Sherston for £330, and *John Hall, Esq.*, redeemed it and had a conveyance. *In 1611 Edmund Colthurst and Henry his son sold it to John Hall and his heirs.* That the Prior had no other Orchard, and that this way was always accounted part of his house, the windows of which opened into it. This part of the house was pulled down by Colthurst, and the ground thrown into the Orchard. The foundations were still to be seen within it. “The prior did use to sit there and view all the Orchard.” A door opened from the Priory into it, and the way in was by a terrace made with arches of stone, 40 foot long. That the Orchard was bounded on the North side by the ancient wall of the Priory, 20 foot high and 160 paces long, reaching to the Avon: on the South, by a great ditch betwixt the meadows called “The Ham,” and the Orchard, and on the East by the River. That the Prior and the Patterches (*the Monks*) and ever since their time the Colthursts, have enjoyed the fishing and cut down the trees these 80 years. That the Priory is situate within the Corporation of St. Peter and St. Paul, and is a privileged place of itself, not within the Corporation of the City of Bath: and when the Mayor of Bath came into the Priory, the Maces were

put down and not carried before him. An exception was taken to the plaintiff's witnesses that they were Almsmen maintained by the Alms of the City.

Part of the Priory lay within the adjoining Parish of "St. James and Stall," which Colthurst had mortgaged in 1589 to Alexander Staples of Yate, Co. Gloucester.

Then follows another document showing how *John Hall*, of Bradford, was involved in a suit at law with the family of Staples.

These extracts, we conceive, indicate very plainly, that the present property of Lord Manvers round the Abbey Church of Bath, must have been derived from the same source and through the same channels, as Kingston House, viz., the Halls of Bradford.

J. E. J.

LINES,

Suggested by the opening made in Silbury Hill, by the Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, August 3rd, 1849.

Bones of our wild forefathers, O forgive,
 If now we pierce the chambers of your rest,
 And open your dark pillows to the eye
 Of the irreverent day! Hark, as we move,
 Runs no stern whisper down the narrow vault?
 Flickers no shape across our torch-light pale,
 With backward beckoning arm? No, all is still.
 O that it were not! O that sound or sign,
 Vision or legend, or the eagle glance
 Of science, could call back thy history lost,
 Green pyramid of the plains, from far-ebbed time!
 O that the winds, which kiss thy flowery sward
 Could tell of thee! Could say how once they fanned
 The jealous savage, as he paused awhile,
 Drew deep his chest, pushed back his raven hair,
 And scanned the growing hill with reverent eye.
 Or haply, how they gave their fitful pipe
 To join the chaunt prolonged o'er warriors cold—
 Or how the Druids mystic robe they swelled;
 Or from thy blackened brow on wailing wing
 The solemn sacrificial ashes bore,
 To strew them where now smiles the yellow corn,
 Or where the peasant treads the churchward path.

EMMELINE FISHER.